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Mr. Dean Nygard, Site Remediation Manager
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SUBJECT: Additional Information Regarding the Curtailment of Air Stripper Treatment Unit
Daily Inspections (EM-ER-02-030)

Reference: Curtailment of Air Stripper Treatment Unit Daily Inspections (EM-ER-02-024)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

As documented in the referenced letter, the concentration of trichloroethene (TCE) in the ASTU rinsate water was less than the method detection limit of 2.39 µg/L. This detection limit is less than half the MCL and was considered acceptable by the agencies. 2.39 µg/L TCE equates to a carcinogenic risk of 1.5×10^{-6} for ingestion of the water. Based on information provided in the OU 1-07B Record of Decision Amendment, this carcinogenic risk is acceptable and daily inspections of the ASTU may be curtailed. If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "KM Shaw for", is written above the typed name.

Kathleen E. Hain, Manager
Environmental Restoration Program

cc: M. Jeffers, DEQ, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706